COVERS THE WHOLE COUNTRY

Frigid Weather Takes Possession of Uncle Sam's Dominions.

LITTLE INDICATIONS FOR RELIEF

Cold Wave Extends Over All the States, Showing Unusuas Severity in the Upper Lake Region.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 .- The reports received by the weather bureau show the intense cold wave to be general over the entire United States, and there are no indications of relief within the next twenty-four hours.

The temperature has fallen decidedly in the southern and middle Atlantic states, and it has risen slowly in the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and over the greater portion of the lake regions. It continues below zero as far south as the Ohio valley, and it is below freezing on the Texas coast and generally in the interior of the gulf states. The weather is generally clear tonight, except

weather will prevail tomorrow in the central valleys and on the Atlantic coasts north of Florida. The temperature will continue low and will rise slowly in the states of the central and upper Mississippi valley. It will be much colder on the southern Atlantic and

wave continues in full force. In Minnesota the lowest temperature reported is at Vir-ginia, where the mercury touched 46 below. At Duluth it was 24 below, Moorhead 24, and

In Wisconsin the temperature ranged anywhere from 25 below, which is reported from several points in the northern part of the state, to 18 and 20 below, the latter being at Milwaukee. Throughout Michigan it was between 18 and

the latter being from Marquette and its vicinity. Rockford registered the lowest in Illinois, twenty-six below, and Chicago came next with twenty. Clear down to the Ohio river not a single town reported anything higher

than ten below.

In Missouri some curious streaks of cold were observed. At St. Joseph it was ten below, and at Kansas City, sixty miles away, it was four below.

South Dakota reported anywhere twenty-two to thirty below and North Dakota an average of five lower than that. only place in the west that showed any signs of warming up was Nebraska. In many places, however, the mercury was so low that up was the only direction it could take, but the fact remains that it is grow-

The cold wave struck Chicago worse today than either yesterday or the day before, going materially under the lowest point Sunday, when the records twenty-five years were broken. At 7 a. today the signal service reported a temperature of 20 degrees below zero, with no relie sight. At 8 o'clock the temperature was exactly the same. The heavy fog from the lake which enveloped the downtown district made the cold doubly dangerous. Frozen fingers, noses and ears were of common oc serious character were reported.

Realizing that during this severe weather delay in offering relief to the destitute might be fatal in many cases, Mayor Swift has called upon the police force to aid in the work of relieving the urgent needs of thousands of suffering poor in Chicago. Through the complete organization of the force, covering the en-tire city by divisions and precincts and the elaborate telephone system, by which each precinct may be in ready communication with the headquarters of the department. mayor hopes to prevent the loss of life which might ensue through a more tardy means of dealing with urgent cases. the mayor's purpose, pending the time when the work of relief through intelligence gathered by the police can be put organized form, to be personally responsible expend to relieve extreme cases of need and save the poor from freezing or starving. Fifteen hundred homeless men partook of

the hospitality of the city last night and slept under the roofs of the police stations. Fifty-three persons were listed as over-come by the terrible cold in Chicago yesterday and were rescued in a partially frozen condition. One death occurred which was due to cold, and a number of people are likely to die as the result of frozen limbs or exposure. Most of the frozen limbs or exposure. sufferers succumbed to the cold while about their usual tasks, but a number of the victims were homeless wanderers.

ndications received at the weather bureau are for still more freezing weather today. "Worse and more of it," is the way the weather man puts it. A wave of Arctic cold is sweeping down from the northwest, propelled by one of the lowest barometer areas known to the experts in the cervice

COVERS A WIDE TERRITORY. Last evening the cold wave had moved as far south as Oklahoma. To the east it had advanced to the western boundary of Pcunsylvania. In the northwest the tem-perature went down to 50 below at Medicine Hat. From a meteorological standpoint the cold wave is especially interesting. It was caused in the first place by tremendous atmospheric pressure in the extreme northwest, he barometer there registering 31%

inches. This is phenomenal, Prof. Garrett says the highest reading in his memory. On account of the intense cold Lake Michigan presents a beautiful sight. Clouds of vapor, caused by the difference of temperature between the atmosphere and the surface of the water, are driven from shore by the high wind and swept castward in great sheets.

N. D., and today's coast train from the west and the sight could reach the pheunlike that seen in geyser regions, and the Glendive.

Only one death had been reported to the to noon, that of Freda Busch, 5 are at who succumbed as the result of pected exposure. The ambulances, however, were kept busy conveying people to the hospitals ranges from 25 to 50 below today. Grant was found in a freight car near North street almost dead and with his feet badly frozen. They will likely have to be amputated. The work of clearing the down-town streets of snow progresses slowly on account of the intensity of the cold. Many

Joseph Fev, a driver on a snowplow of the treet cleaning department, had his body street cleaning department, had his body and limbs so hadly frozen that he will proba Many of the men were sent to their

homes or the hospitals in the ambulances. On some lines passengers on board cars suf-fered badly. Miss Emma Smith, while rid-ing from Thirty-fifth street to Madison on a Clark street car, became unconscions and was only resuscitated after an hour's hard work by a physician. The various police stations were crowded to their utmost capacity, the Harrison street station alone.

Populists Scheme for Redistricting the State for Legislature. sheltering over 300 unfortunates. The Salvation army barracks on West Madison street BASED ON VOTE OF LAST ELECTION were kept open all night, and many were taken care of there.

The police department has been turned into a vast relief corps. Chief of Police Bade-noch has issued orders to every officer to make a personal investigation of all cases of destitution on his beat and report the same at once. Help is sent immediately

Mayor Swift issued the following procla-

raileys and on the Atlantic coasts north of Fiorida. The temperature will continue low and will rise slowly in the states of the central and upper Mississippi valley. It will be much colder on the southern Atlantic and east gulf coasts, with freezing weather in northern Fiorida.

Throughout the Ohio valley and the lake region the prevailing cold wave has been accompanied by lower temperature than any previously recorded by the weather bureau for this season of the year. Following are some minimum temperatures reported on the 25th, with their relation to the lowest previously recorded during the last ten days of January, viz.: Chicago, minus 20, 3 degrees below; Cincinnati, minus 14, 3 degrees below; Pittsburg, minus 8, 3 degrees below; Sault Ste. Marie, minus 14, 6 degrees below; Sault Ste. Marie, minus 18, 6 degrees below; Sault Ste. Marie, minus 18, 6 degrees below; Sault Ste. Marie, minus 18, 7 degrees below; Chroimati, minus 10, 2 degrees below; Pittsburg, minus 8, 3 degrees below; Sault Ste. Marie, minus 14, 7 degrees below; Sault Ste. Marie, minus 18, 6 degrees below; Sault Ste. mation this afternoon: To the Generous People of Chicago: The

IN NEBRASKA. WINSIDE, Neb., Jan. 25 .- (Special.)-Ther. mometers here registered 20 degrees below this morning and the wind is blowing a gale; many thousands of bushels of corn are lying in piles here, rotting and going to waste because there is no sale for it. This cold weather is just what is wanted and is the only hope of ultimate fulfillment of the prom ise of a bountiful crop of corn. Many piles of corn steam and seem to be on fire when opened; 7,000 bushels in one pile is often seen here now, although farmers and townspeople alike are burning large quantities of the corn and many cattle and hogs are being fed, there is a large surplus of good corn which cannot be disposed of at any price. The village is thickly dotted with corneribs.

A load of corn will not pay for the teaming necessary to bring it into town if it can be YORK, Neb., Jan. 25 .- (Special.) - The coldest weather which York people have yet ex-perienced has been making itself felt yesterday and today. At 6 o'clock this morning the

hermometer registered 12 below zero. SHELBY, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—It has been very cold since Saturday. The mercury has ranged from zero to 15 degrees below. A brisk wind has been blowing, which penetrates the cribs. A continuance of the same kind of weather is needed to get the corn in first-class condition for shelling and storing. HASTINGS, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—There is to longer any fear of a shortage of ice in this vicinity this year. The cold of the past few days has been taken advantage of and all the ice houses have been filled. Already enough ice has been stored away to run the

city through the summer.
FREMONT, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The mercury dropped to 17 below zero this morning and has risen but little during the day. There is but little wind blowing and it is slightly cloudy. The ice men put a large force of men at work this morning. The ice is clear and free from dirt and grass and of fine quality. It is the best put up here for years.
FORT ROBINSON, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Spec
Telegram.)—The thermometer last nig registered 21 degrees below zero. About thirty men and several teams are at work storing ice. Captain Dimmick, Lieutenants Hamilton and Parsons and forty-nine men of this command were on the sick list today. suffering with a new form of grip. The westbound Elkhorn train was two hours late this morning, caused by meeting heavy snow drifts between Chadron and this post

There is no wind here or west of here to cause drifts. ITHACA, Neb., Jan. 25 .- (Special Telegram.)—The J. F. Roll Milling company commenced putting up ice here today for the B. & M. Hallroad company and has a contract for fifty cars or more. The Ice is one foot thick and is clear as crystal. IN THE DAKOTAS.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)-Rotary snow plows are working to raise the blockade caused on all the rail-roads in this section by Saturday's and Sunday's snow storm. The Chicago & Northwestern will soon have its east and south lines open. A snow plow has been sent to clear the west line and relieve the train which has been snowbound at Highmore since Saturday morning, with forty passengers on board. It is said that no part of the state's money taken to Pierre to be counted is on that train. The Milwaukee days before an attempt will be made to days before an attempt will be made to open the Great Northern line between Watertown and Huron. All traffic is at a standstill. Nothing concerning stock lorses on the ranges can be learned for several days. It is feared that the intense cold and deep snow will entail a heavy loss on cattle. Apprehension is felt for settlers in the districts where fuel is scarce. The temperature here is 26 below zero and touched 30 in other here is 26 below zero and touched 30 in other

sections. The cold snap covers a vast area and in many respects is more severe than the storms of 1880 and 1881. SIOUX FALLS, S. D. Jan 25.—The storm which began Friday night has abated, but intense cold prevails all over the state. Thermometers registered 25 degrees below at 2 a.m. All trains are behind time and there is much suffering among exposed stock. FARGO, N. D., Jan. 25.—There have been

as the sight could reach the vapor on was observed. At times this vapor roll upward in colling masses, not all day yesterday from Bismarck west to Glendive. Between Bismarck and Valley. As far as the sight could reach the phe- had not reached Mandau at noon. A terrible was frequently heard: "The lake City the road is all right, but the big cum at Orista Junction, just this aide of Valley one death had been reported to the City, are the source of trouble. Three rotaries are at work there, and it is confidently ex-

IN MISSOURI AND IOWA. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—Last night was the coldest of the season, it not in years, and much suffering among homeless and destitute More than 300 tramps and town streets of snow progresses slowly on account of the intensity of the cold. Many homeless persons, among whom were many of the men had no gloves or overcoats and fairly will dressed men and women out of nearly 400 of them were more or less trost-bitten. ber of others who could not get shelter were badly frezen. The cold wave reached down

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NEW APPORTIONMENT PLAN

Sheldon of Dawes Finishes the Bill and Has It Ready for Introduction in the House Today.

and every patrol wagon and inspector's carriage is being used for this purpose. One pitiful case of suffering was reported to the Hyde Park station today. At the home of Edwin Martin, 251 West Fifty-first street, there was a child that died Saturday from starvation and lay unburied in the house. The family was without food, fuel or money and had been for several days. the finishing touches upon the measure toand had been for several days.

Whistles of distress began to sound from the Sixty-eighth street crib early this aftgle to keep from freezing throughout Sun-day night, but by burning up everything parts of the state are accorded a more gen-that was not nalled down they managed crops recognition. Some of the eastern in the St. Lawrence valley, the gulf states and central Rocky mountain districts, where local snows are reported.

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The indications are that generally fair county is given three senators and twelve representatives, a gain of three representatives; Lancaster county is given two senators and five representatives, and is accorded an additional float representative with Gage county. That part of the state lying east of a line drawn on the west boundary of Seward county will be given fifty-three representatives. The following are representatives. The following are the new districts:

SENATORIAL. First-Richardson and Pawnee counties, ne senator. Second—Nemaha and Johnson, one. Taird—Gage, one. Fourth—Otoe, Cass and Sarpy, two.

Fifth—Lancaster, two. Sixth—Douglas, three. Seventh—Saunders and Dodge, one. Eighth—Washington, Burt and Thurston, ne, Ninth-Cuming, Wayne and Stanton, one. Tenth-Dakota, Dixon and Cedar, one. Eleventh-Platte and Colfax, one. Twelfth-Madison, Pierce and Knox, one. Thirteenth-Polk and York, one. Fourteenth-Butler and Seward, one. Fifteenth-Hamilton, Merrick and Nance,

Sixteenth-Saline and Jefferson, one. Seventeenth-Fillmore and Clay, one. Eighteenth-Thayer, Nuckolls and Web Ninetcenth-Hall, Howard and Sherman

ne. Twentieth—Adams and Kearney, one. Twenty-first—Buffalo and Dawson, one. Twenty-second—Custer, Valley, Garfield. Joup, Blaine, Thomas, Hooker and Grant,

Twenty-third-Antelope, Boone, Greeley and Wheeler, one.
Twenty-fourth-Holt, Boyd, Rock, Brown,
Keya Paha and Cherry, one.
Twenty-fifth-Lincoln, Logan, McPherson,
Arthur, Deuel, Keith, Cheyenne, Perkins,
Chase and Dundy, one.
Twenty-sixth-Sheridan, Dawes, Sloux,
Box Butte, Scotts Bluff, Banner and Kimball one. bail, one.
Twenty - seventh - Franklin, Harlan,
Phelps and Gosper, one.
Twenty-eighth-Furnas, Red
Frontier, Hitchcock and Dundy, one.

REPRESENTATIVES. It will be seen that instead of thirty senatorial districts, as under the present law, the new apportionment provides for but twenty-eight. At present there are sixty

eight representative districts. The new bil provides for seventy-six, as follows: First—Richardson, two representatives. Second—Nemaha, one. Third—Johnson, one.

Fourth-Pawnee, one. Fifth-Richardson, Nemaha, Johnson and Sixth-Otoe, two.

Twelfth-Cuming, one. Thirteenth-Cuming, Burt and Washing Fourteenth-Dodge, two.

Fourteenth—Bodge, two.
Fifteenth—Saunders, two.
Sixteenth—Saunders and Dodge, one.
Seventeenth—Lancaster, five.
Eighteenth—Gage, two.
Nincteenth—Lancaster and Gage, one.
Twenty-first—Jefferson, one.
Twenty-second—Thaver, one. Twenty-second-Thayer, one. Twenty-third-Fillmore, one

Twenty-fourth-Jefferson, "illmore, one. Twenty-fifth-Seward, one. Twenty-firth-Seward, one.
Twenty-sixth-Butler, one.
Twenty-seventh-Butler and Seward, one.
Twenty-eighth-York, one.
Twenty-ninth-Hamilton, one.
Thirtieth-Polk, one.
Thirty-first-York, Hamilton and Polk,

Phirty-second—Colfax, one. Thirty-second—Collax, one.
Thirty-third—Platte, one.
Thirty-fourth—Madison, one.
Thirty-fifth—Madison and Stanton, one.
Thirty-sixth—Platte, Madison, Stanton and

rty-seventh—Wayne, one, rty-seventh—Dixon, one, rty-eighth—Dixon, one, rty-linth—Cedar, one rtieth—Dakota and Thurston, one, rty-first—Knox, one rty-second—Knox and Pierce, one, rty-second—Knox and Pierce, one, rty-third—Antelope, one.

ourth—Boone, one.
fth—Nance and Boone, one.
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ixth—Merrick, one.
eventh—Hall, one.
ighth—Hall and Sherman, one.
inth—Howard, one.
—Buffalo, two.
rst—Valley and Greeley, one.
cond—Custer and Logan, two.
irtd—Holt, one.

Fifty-second-Custer and Logan, two.
Fifty-third-Holt, one.
Fifty-fourth-Holt, Boyd and Rock one.
Fifty-fifth - Greeley. Valley, Garfield,
Vheeler, Loup, Blaine, Thomas, Hooker
and Grant, one.
Fifty-seventh-Box Butte and Sheridan.
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Fifty-eighth-Dawes and Sloux, one.
Fifty-ninth-Dawson, one.
Sixtieth-Lincoln, one.
Sixty-first-Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball
heyenne, Deuel, Arthur and McPherson

ne. Sixty-second—Clay, one. Sixty-third—Nuckolls, one. Sixty-fourth—Webster, one. Sixty-fifth—Clay, Nuckols and Webster,

ne.

Sixty-sixth—Adams, one.

Sixty-seventh—Kearney, one,

Sixty-sighth—Adams and Kearney, one.

Sixty-ninth—Franklin, one.

Seventieth—Harlan, one.

Seventy-first—Phelps, one.

Seventy-second—Furnas, one.

Seventy-third—Gorper and Frontier, one.

Seventy-fourth—Red Willow, one.

Seventy-first—Hitchcock, Hayes, Chase and Dundy, one.

and Dundy, one.

Seventy-six — Keith. Perkins, Lincoln Dawson, Frontier and Gosper, one.

AFTER THE INSURANCE INCOMES, The house today cut out a large piece o work for the insurance lobby; and if reports are not deceptive, the lobby is on the ground ready for its task. The temper of the house upon the question of insurance legislation was brought out in committee of the whole when VanHorn's bill to compel foreign insurance companies to reinvest in Nebraska three-fourths of the money collected from policyholders in this state. The bill rawn by Dr. J. S. Devries of Fremont, who may be remarked, is not a member of the legislature. Dr. Devries prepared a state-ment in support of his bill which reached the house through the courtesy of Repre-sentative Clark of Richardson. The statement was as follows:

The official statement of the insurance epartment for the years 1863, 1894 and 1895 of the state of Nebraska, shows that forelen life insurance companies have received as premiums and paid losses as follows Moneys received in Nebraska as

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Excess collected over losses. \$ \$59,026.03

It thus appears that these outside life insurance companies collected \$2,95,104.70 over and above what they paid in death losses in the last three years, thus taking in round numbers \$1,000 a year more than enough to pay the deaths. Our state is exceptionally good for health and long-evity. These figures also show that these companies are collecting three and one-half times the amount paid for deaths; that is, in our state for every one single dollar that they have paid on death claims they have been collecting \$1,50.

They may say that much of this is paid out to agents as commissions. The fact is that the agent's commission for procuring insurance comes out of the first year's premium, and these first premiums are only a portion of the premium received as most of the business is that where the second, third and other years of premiums are being paid and on which no commissions are paid. A truthful examination will show that there has not been gaid to the agents for getting business as much as was paid for losses; and even if there was, these companies would still have drawn out of our state over losses and expenses of soliciting and getting business in the last three years over \$2,000,000. It is this drain of money out of the state that constitutes a material part of our evils.

It may be claimed that much of this must be held as a reserve to provide for future conditions and unusual losses; if so then this surplus which our own geople make ought certainly to be kept in this state, that is, invested here. There are safer and better loans open in this state than anywhere else.

If the plea is made that office and other expenses are great, it is sufficient answer to say that \$50,000 a year is too much salary for the president of an insurance company. There are several that pay their presidents over \$12,000, and their other officers proportionately. In fact, the munificence and splendor in office equipment and salaries shown by these leading companies put to shame our Excess collected over losses. \$ 989,026.68

they husband and invest their say, granted, prudence and must do so; we say, granted, but invest that surplus and reserve which but invest that surplus and reserve This comes from our state in our state. This proposition is not a departure or a novelly, but a step along universally accepted principles of economy; principles which our young states in the flush of their upbuild-ing and development have too often over-looked in several respects to their own det-

CAUCUS IS UNCERTAIN. The fusion forces of the house held a long caucus tonight to discuse the bill provid-ing for a recount of the ballots on the constitutional amendments. While no opposierally discussed and it was finally agreed to submit several questions to the attorney general affecting the proposed recount and the rights of the legislature in the premises The caucus held until nearly 11 o'clock.

FEATURES OF ONE NEW CHARTER

Senator Howell's Proposed Bill of Rights for the City. LINCOLN, Jan. 26. (Special.) - The bi ennial struggle between conflicting interests in Omaha has again been transferred to the state capital and the charter fight is on The Omaha charter bill, known as senate file No. 15, was introduced and read in the senate the first time on January 11. It was presented by Senator Howeil of Omaha and a known as the Howeil charter. The charter makes a voluminous document of seventy-five printed pages. Its unusual features may be condensed into the following brief propositions: ositions:

determined by the mayer and city council, by ordinance, said limits to include an area not to exceed twenty-five square miles. 2. The municipal election shall be held on Burlington lies bunched together on the in April, 1897, and every

three years thereafter. 3. The city council shall consist of nine members, one from each ward, to be chosen by the electors of the entire city. 4. All official city printing shall be as signed to two newspapers at a designated

price per square. 5. The mayor and city council shall have the power to appropriate any water works system already constructed within the city limits and within ten miles from the corporate limits. In case the water works plan s appropriated seven apprensers shall be ap-pointed by the mayor and the amount of damages assessed shall be submitted to vote of the electors of the city at a genera or special election. If two-thirds of the voters voting on the proposition vote in favor of the assessment the mayor and city council shall issue the necessary bonds for said pur

6. On the third Tuesday in April, 1897, the mayor shall make the following appoint-ments: City attorney, city engineer, tax commissioner, health commissioner, building in spector, plumbing inspector, boiler inspector city electrician and city prosecutor.

7. There shall be an advisory board to consist of the mayor, city engineer, comp-troller, building inspector, chiefs of the police and fire departments and health com-missioner. This board shall appoint a sec retary at a salary of \$1,200 per annum. The advisory board shall pass upon all plans and estimates for public works and park improviments. It shall appoint a park super-intendent. It shall look after the public health. It shall have supervision over al

departments of the city government.

8. The Board of Health, the Board of Park Commissioners and the Board of Public Works are legislated out of existence. 9. There shall be a Board of Fire and Po lice Commissioners to consist of the mayor and four electors of the city, who shall be appointed by the governor, commissioner of public lands and buildings and attorney gen-

The proposed charter in its present form cannot pass without the warmest kind of a struggle. The opposition to some of its fea-tures is already pronounced. Omaha inter-eats are opposed to it as well as some political interests outside of the state.

HOUSE BUSY ON LIFE INSURANCE.

Foreign Computies, LINCOLN, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—It was considerably after the regular hour when Speaker Gaffin called the house to order this afternoon, and even then many members were not in their seats. Trains were late from all directions; and statemen who went home for the over-Sunday recess experienced no little defay in getting back to their duties. A sufficient margin over a quorum was present, however, and the regular routine was taken up. The reading of the journal was dispensed with. A large number of reports from standing committees were received, as follows: Mr. Clark of Richardson, from the com-Mr. Clark of Rienardson from the com-mittee on finance, ways and means, recom-mended the indefinite postponement of the bill appropriating \$5,000 for the purpose of erecting a heroic statue of Abraham Lin-

coln upon the capitol grounds. The recom-mendation was adopted without a dissen-

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ing vote.

Mr. Dobson of Fillmore, from the committee on insurance, returned three bills: House roll No. 82, by Mr. Rouse of Hall county, for an act to exempt from all garnt hee process, levy of execution or attachment process all money due from or paid by any life or accident insurance company, benefit association, or any other association which pays a benefit upon the death of or acciers upon their heads. dent to any of its members, policyholder or beneficiary. The bill went to the general flie. Another insurance bill sent to the general file was house roll No. 86, by Van Horn of Dodge. It provides for the investment of funds arising out of business done in this state by foreign life and accident insurance companies. The bill provides that as a condition entitling any foreign corpora-The bill provides that tion to do the business of life or accident insurance within this state every such corporation shall invest and keep invested three-fourths of all the moneys (exclusive the valuable property.

BURNS men quit work at 5 Washington Smith

B. & M. Brick Euilding at Plattsmouth is Laid in Ruins.

FIERCE FLAMES MAKE. APID HEADWAY Entire Structure is Destroyed in the Space of Cne Hour.

TOWN TURNS OUT TO FIGHT THE FIRE

Water is Foured on in Large Streams but Has Little Effect.

GEORGE FLECHTNER LOSES HIS LIFE

Company's Loss is a Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars, Includ-

the magnificent brick coach shop of the B.

one of the night watchmen at the shops, discovered flames in the north end of the coach of the Bostwick hotel. A fire in one of the bedrooms on the second floor had shop and with praiseworthy effort made a superhuman . 'empt to quench the fire. His The fire was extinguished, but not before efforts were ...tile, unfortunately, and with \$100 damage was done, his clothing on fire he rushed out to sound DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT SYRACUSE. the alarm.

The shop whistle, the switch engine whistle and the city fire bell brought the whole town out in haste, and when it was ascertained that the shops were on fire the people rushed frantically to render every assistance in their power. The flames gathered headway with fearful speed amongst the inflammable material in the shop and in less than fifteen minutes the interior of the whole structure was a raging furnace. General Colonel J. W. Yale, Mrs. Wesley Yale and Foreman Helps and the shop foremen were the first on the ground and, quickly organizing into a fire brigade, the battle to subdue and as the tear of the establishment was a the flames was commenced without a moment's delay.

SAVED BY THE WIND.

portion of a semicircular brick building and cocuples a space of over 200 feet in length.

A rumor late tonight that two women and a man have perished cannot be verified. They were seen at the top of the Dillaya block were seen at the top of the Dillaya block B. & M. in Nebraska. The Burlington has condensed into the following brief prop-itions:

the paint shop being located at the southern just before the roof fell, but it is thought
the paint shop being located at the southern extremity of the building. Within thirty feet they escaped by the rear. the balance of the magnificent plant of the Chicago Firemen Forced to Watch a had not been injured. northeast. Only for the strong north wind blowing was the whole plant saved. With

devouring flames. In the coach shop were six coaches in an advanced stage of completion, two of which were Pullman chair cars. These were totally destroyed. In the , aint shop, which is divided from the coach department by a and these happily were taken out undamaged, amidst blinding smoke and showers of blazing timbers.

The men worked heroically. They were fighting for the company's property as though for their lives and their exertions and well directed efforts saved the paint shop and thousands of dollars' worth of property. the fire. About seventy-five men were employed in the coach shop, and all of them have lost their tools, some of the kits being very expensive. John Schulhoff and George Ackerman, however, rushed into the burning building and dragged out their tool chests and those were the only ones saved. The total loss to the company is estimated at \$130,000.

ONE LIFE LOST.

Burlington Voluntary Relief department, confined in the Yellowstone National and leaves a daughter 18 years of age.

At 10 o'clock the flames were subdued to such an extent as to preclude the probability PHYSIC POISONS THE PATIENT. of further destruction and the gallant fire Brooklyn Girl Dies from an Overdose fighters had the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts had been crowned with unexpected success, for the outlook when the fire raged in the coach shop gave small hope for the saving of any portion of the structure. MEN WORK UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

The flercely cold north wind blowing and the intense cold made the work of salvation extremely hazardous, as the steep roof was Saturday mounting she was found unconscious, soon sheeted with ice and the men experienced the greatest difficulty in doing effective blinding smoke nearly choking the men.

The ground was slippery with ice and not man had a stitch of dry outside covering The wooden platform all around the turnta ble was ablaze and the flying brands started fires in the roofs of the different sheds scat-

The fire is a severe blow to this city, as the is & M. carpenters will be out of employment until the shop is rebuilt and every man with the exception of the two mentioned has lost all his tools.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. The reaching Chicago.

ock and foreman Washington Smith resped until 6 o'clock. and when he left ever ig was safe withou

the least suspicion of fire. Residence of Charles J. Barnes of

Chicago Burned. CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—The four-story residence of Charles J. Barnes, 2238 Calumet avenue, was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning. Mr. Barnes is in New York and Mrs. Barnes and four servants were asleep in the house when the fire broke out Insteep in the house when the life broke out.

With the mercury 19 degrees below zero they were forced to flee in scant attire to save their lives. A maid named Kitty was overcome by smoke and was carried out by the firemen. Mr. Barnes is the western manager of the American Book company. For years he has been collecting rare and valuable books and his library is said to have been one of the finest in the United States. This was destroyed and, with the States. This was destroyed, and, with the damage to the building and furnishings, will

make the loss over \$200,000. The neighborhood is one of the most aristocratic in the city and the fire caused much excitement. Neighbors rushed into the street poorly clad and offered Mrs. Barnes all the assistance possible. On account of the bilter cold and high wind the firemen poorly clad and offered Mrs. Barnes Thirty Thousand Dollars, Including Half a Dozen Coaches and Many Tools.

Many Tools.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—This city was visited this evening by one of the most disastrous fires that Plattsmouth has ever been afflicted with, and the magnificent brick coach show of the magnificent brick coach show of the magnificent brick coach show of the coleration of the losses are fully covered by insurance. fully covered by insurance.
August Taylor, 35 years old, a laborer, was

& M. railroad was turned into a pile of ashes in less than an hour.

August laylor, on years old, a laborer, was suffocated by smoke in a fire at 2 o'clock in the frame building at 2807 Wentworth avenue. The explosion of a kerosene lamp caused the blaze. The loss was nominal.

One university student named George Tegot a good plant before it was discovered.

Considerable Property Destroyed: Several Have Narrow Escapes. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 25.-Fire tonight catroyed the Dillaya block and the Butler block and damaged the Keeler block. The following stores were burned out: W. W. Kimball's company, pianos and organs; New York Cloak house; Palmer's millinery stores Total loss, about \$100.000; mostly insured. The intense cold and a heavy gale of wind made fire fighting very difficult. The store of J. W. Yale & Co. was crushed by the falling of the roof of the Butler block. Mrs. G. K. Frazer, prominent society people.

were in the store on the ground floor.

crawling down the freight elevator shaft, however, and forcing their way through The coach shop is located in the northeast of adjoining property.

A rumor late tonight that two women and They masses of debris and escaped by the cellars located at the junction of the main Burling-

of the coach shop lies the planing mill and FIND THE FIRE PLUGS FROZEN.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25 .- The Northwestern was found that the water in every fire plug rapidity that the residents in the vicinity began to move their household effects from Finally, when water had their homes. thick brick wall, were five coaches waiting for the finishing touches of the painters kept the five confined to the stove factory. damage done to adjoining buildings was

entirely by water. The Northwestern Stove Repair company owned by Robert L. and Ralph S. Green-They place the damage on contents of their establishment at \$300,000, and on building at \$125,000. The exact amount of insurance is not known, but it is thought the loss is almost entirely covered.

Three firemen and a watchman, employed

by the stove company, were injured during KANSAS CITY, Jan. 25 .- Fire today destroyed the Missouri Frog and Crossing works at Manchester, near here, entailing a loss of

\$50,000. The property was owned by Joan I. Blair, a New Jersey millionaire. GOT HIS ROPE ON THE BUFFALO.

Unable to Hold His Game. CODY CITY, Wyo., Jan. 25 .- (Special.)-A. J. Legg, who has a ranch near this place, The fire was attended with on fatality. had an exciting experience with a buffalo leorge Flechtner, assistant foreman in the on Thursday. Mr. Legg was riding the freight car shops, being the unfortunate vic- range looking for stock and while crossing tim. He was picked up insensible near a clearing in a little park saw a buffalo. He at once gave chase and succeeded in roping the animal. His horse was a trained Foreman Help's office, when life was found to be extinct. The doctor examined the small, however, to check the flight of the bedy, but beyond a slight abrasion over his right eye no bruise or injury was found. It is believed that his excitement and distress affected his heart to such an extent as to stop its functions. The deceased was as to stop its functions. The deceased was about 46 years old, was a member of the seleved the animal is one of the members of the band of buffalo which has been confined in the Yellowstone National park and has strayed down into the Big Horn

of Laudanum. NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Miss Lillian Templeton of Brooklyn, is dead, as a result of taking a prescription which was meant to been suffering from a cold. A friend gave her a prescription, which called for equal parts of spirits of camphor, peppermint, laudanum and balsam of fir. This prescription was filled by the Bolton Drug company. She took the medicine on Friday evening. bleeding at he mae and mouth. Physicians were called, but their efforts were unavailing, Coroner Coombs said last night: grains of laudanum is a large doac, and gen-erally is approached by giving gradually increasing doses from three grains up to twenty. If the prescription contained four of equal parts, then there must have been from forty to forty-five grains in t and that is enough to kill anybody.

POKER GAME LED HIM TO STEAL. Agent Screnson Tells His Troubles and Will Go Back for Trial. CHICAGO, Jan. 25. - (Special Telegram.)-

Julius Screuson, who was the agent of the Northern Pacific railroad and the Northern Pacific Express company at Grand Harbor, N. D., and who was arrested in Chicago for tered in the yards, and only the willing hands the largeby of \$600 of the funds of the two companies, has expressed his willingness to return to that state for trial. A paker game. Soremson says, is re-possible for his troubles. The game was played New Year's day and he quit owing \$300, which he paid by taking the amount from the office in which he was em cloyed. Fearing the consequences, he took 300 more and started to walk to Devils Lake. a blizzaid overtaking him and nearly freezing him. He had other trying experiences before

MANY RARE BOOKS DESTROYED. Hall-Lansing Block Totally Destroyed Early This Morning.

SEVERAL PERSONS NARROWLY ESCAPE

George Tebault, a University Student, Carried Out by Firemen.

PROPERTY LOSS FOOTS UP TO \$75,000

Feared that Some of the Inmates May Have Lost Their Lives.

PACIFIC JUNCTION VISITED BY FIRE Twenty-Three Buildings Are Burned.

Entailing a Loss of from Twenty-Five to Thirty Thousand Dollars. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 25 .- (Special Tele-

gram.)-The Hall-Lansing block, No. 1336 O street, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The block was given up to roomers, and as the legislature

One university student named George Tebault was carried out by the firemen. John Gorin and L. Bruno, legislature employes in the cloak room, succeeded in gaining the sidewalk with the loss of all their clothing left in the room. At this hour it is not known but others may be in the building. The block was owned by J. F. Lansing and Frank Hall. The building was valued origi-

a lamp explosion in one of the roomer's

nally at \$75,000. The cause of the fire was

PACIFIC JUNCTION IS SCORCHED. Twenty-Three Buildings Are Burned;

the Less Being Nearly \$30,000. A telephone message was received from Plattsmouth shortly before 2 o'clock this morning that Pacific Junction, four miles east on the Iowa side, had been visited by a fire and the whole business portion of the city mass of flames, it seemed almost impossible that they should escape. They succeeded in was wiped out.

Pacific Junction is a small railroad town of between 600 and 800 inhabitants and is a large depot, valued at \$5,000 and a round house of ten stalls located in the town. At last accounts the property of the company

The fire originated in a small grocery Stove Repair company's factory, 225 to 237 store and quickly spread to other frame West Twelfth street, was destroyed by fire buildings on the main street. Twenty-three a south wind nothing could have stopped the last night. When the fire engines arrived it buildings were consumed, and the flames in the neighborhood had been frozen, and were making headway toward the residence fifteen minutes elapsed before a stream portion of the city. The small fire depart-could be brought to bear on the flames. During this time the fire spread with such almost powerless to combat the flames, Bucket brigades were formed, and the people turned out en masse and worked upon

> Word was sent to Plattsmouth to send fire apparatus, but, as the department in that city was engaged with trouble at home at the time, the request could not be complied with. Half an hour later a message was received that assistance was not needed, as the fire had nearly spent itself.

the blazing structures.

Among the buildings consumed were the Pacific hotel, a three-story frame structure valued at \$8,000, and the Odd Fellows' hall, s estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

The flames, after leaving the main street, spread into the residence portion and rendered many people homeless. Nearly the whole town is built of wood, and the flames had an easy passage from building to building with the aid of the stiff wind which was blowing. No accidents were reported or less of life,

although a number of people suffered se-

verely from frozen ears and frost-Litten limbs. Those who were turned out of their homes were provided for by other people of the town. Inquiry at the headquarters of the Burlington company in this city failed to elicit much information. The local agent stated, however, that the buildings of the cor. pany

were somewhat removed from the center of felt for their safety. Plague Scare Subsides.

MARSEILLES, Jan. 25 .- The slarm caused by the nine sudden deaths in one street here on Saturday, which was followed by the report that they were due to the plague which is ravaging Bombay, has subsided, to a great extent, owing to the firm stand taken by the government officials. They most emphaticcure not to kill her. Miss Templeton had ally insist that all the deaths were due to been suffering from a cold. A friend gave infectious pneumonia. The scare, however, has had a good effect in making the author ities redouble their efforts to guard against the introduction of the plague through any of the ports designated for the landing of merchandise from India.

> Looking for Chinese Lynchers. NELSON, B. C., Jan. 25 .- Superintendent Hussle of the provincial police is endeavoring to locate the prime movers in a lynching that took place recently at Pavillion Point. A Chinaman named Look Li, who had "jumped" a fellow Celestial's claim, was found hanging to the end of a rope. It is supposed that Chinese placer miners are at

the bottom of the lynching and two of them have been arrested. De Witte Opposes Rearmament. LONDON, Jan. 25 .- A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Times with reference to the rumor that Russia will spend 100,000,000 roubles in rearming the artillery with the French quick-firing gun says: "The report requires confirmation but although the powerful M. de Witte, the minister of finance, opposes the idea, his opposition would be of little avail against the minister of war, Gen-

eral von Novosky." Movements of Ocean Vessels, Jan. 25. At New York-Arrived-Fuerst Bismarck, from Hamburg. At Bremerhaven—Sailed — Weimar, for New York. At Nuples—Sailed—Fulda, for New York. At Ecaton—Arrived—Catalonia, from Live orpool.